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Normal Banquet.

The fifth annual banquet of the Western Kansas State Normal was held in the Brunswick Annex Monday evening. Contrary to the custom of former years, the banquet was not public, the members of the board of regents present and the graduating class being the guests of the faculty of the school. No others were in attendance.

After a most excellent repast, served under the direction of Mrs. Frank Fields, the following toasts were responded to:

"No Day Without its Line," W. S. Picken. Mr. Picken, who has been with our school from its beginning, briefly reviewed its history and spoke of some of the early "trials and cares" of teachers and students. He believes that the Western State Normal will ultimately become the "big" school of western Kansas, and if his successors put forth one-half the effort he has, if they carry on the work he has planned, there is little doubt but that his prediction will come true.

"The Leader" was responded to by Miss Mabel Rowleson. Miss Rowleson is the first editor-in-chief of the first school paper of the Western Normal, and therefore doubly qualified to speak on this subject.

"The Booster" was responded to by Prof. Boodine, head of philosophy at the state university. Mr. Boodine believes we should have a graduate school in the state. He is also of the opinion that teachers are paid too little. It is needless to say his views in this respect are shared by all others in his profession. He paid fine tribute to the Normal and is a firm believer in its success.

"As the Regents See Us" was responded to by Judge Kellogg. Mr. Kellogg doesn't sugar-coat things and when he says a thing we know he means it. He said he always felt more at home in Hays than in any other town where there is a state institution. Mr. Kellogg was the first president of the Emporia Normal.

"Queen Sabe" the subject of the last toast by Miss Ida Solomon, gave opportunity for the "last word" which is woman's eternal right. Miss Solomon took advantage of it and several of the seniors were "receivers general" for pointed remarks.

J. S. Bird presided as toastmaster. His mode of introducing the toasters was as much appreciated as the toasts themselves. Mr. Bird should be elected toastmaster for life.

The annual banquet is looked forward to as the crowning event of each year's work, and the banquet of '08 will be sure to last long in the memories of those who were so fortunate as to be in attendance.

At the State Normal last Friday evening the play of Hamlet was given by the class of oratory and was well rendered, pleasing the large audience assembled, every seat, over 400, in the Gymnasium being occupied, and many were compelled to stand. The new scenery was quite city-like and appropriate, while the receipts were pleasing to the management and they feel gratified at so liberal an attendance.

If possible, some play will be given by the students in the new auditorium during the summer term so our citizens can see it when finished.

Essex Reception.

The members of the Essex Club of this city are arranging to hold a public reception and dance in their new club house on the afternoon and evening of July 4. This will give the people of Ellis county and their friends an opportunity to visit the largest and finest equipped private club house in Kansas. The formal opening of the new club house will be celebrated on the evening of July 3 with a banquet and dance for the benefit of the club members and their lady friends. We understand Springer's orchestra of Salina has been engaged for both occasions.

"Presiding Elder" No More.

Baltimore, Md., June 1.—The time-honored title "presiding elder" was abolished by the adoption of a minority report from the revision committee of the Methodist general conference today, recommending that the name be changed to "district superintendent," by a vote of 322 ayes to 210 noes. This radical change of terms is the outgrowth of a desire to denote the office more correctly. It has been said for a long while that the presiding elder today is, in reality, a superintendent, that this term should be given him since his office is no longer merely sacramental, but administrative.

Found "Not Guilty."

District Court is in session at Hays this week and liquor cases have consumed most of the court's time. Jake and Ambrose Staab charged with selling liquors were found not guilty by the jury. The case against Alois Staab on the same charge is now being tried. Attendance at court has been rather small.

The Normal Commencement.

The sixth annual commencement exercises of the Western Normal School located at this city were held in the new auditorium last Monday morning. Nearly every seat in the large auditorium was taken and the audience were well repaid for their attendance. J. W. Gleed of Topeka who was to make the principal address of the day was unexpectedly called to New York City on business, but he sent a very able substitute in Prof. J. E. Boodine of the chair of philosophy in Kansas University. The professor took for his subject a very appropriate topic, "The Value of an Education." Many pleasing little anecdotes served to enliven one of the best addresses ever heard at any commencement exercises in this city. The Valedictory by H. E. Pearce, president of the class of 1908 was well prepared and in well framed words the speaker thanked the regents, the faculty and the citizens. The musical numbers by Mrs. Shively, Mrs. Wiest, Miss Carrick and Miss Pestana were especially fine and received hearty applause at the conclusion of each number. The new grand piano, which was used for the first time at the exercises Sunday and Monday, is a very beautiful and sweet-toned instrument. L. B. Kellogg, secretary of the board of regents, presented the diplomas to the twenty-nine graduates with few well selected words.

The auditorium was filled Sunday morning to hear the Baccalaureate sermon by Dean Kaye of Topeka.

Decoration Day

Decoration Day was well observed in our city, the post-office, banks and stores closing part of the day. The Odd Fellows and citizens accompanied the G. A. R. to the cemetery, where the graves were decorated and appropriate service held. In the afternoon the hall was crowded and the services were very interesting and appropriate.

It was a beautiful day, the cemetery was visited by nearly everybody, and the floral decorations were beautiful. This year many of the graves of those whose families live elsewhere were decorated by loving friends.

The cemetery has been very nicely fixed up by the directors and presented a very pleasing effect to the many visitors.

Last year there was much stealing of flowers at the cemetery after Decoration. This year the managers hired Andrew Maska to watch and not a flower was taken.

The Sunday School Convention.

The Ellis County Sunday School Association met in annual convention in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Hays on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. The convention was called to order by the president A. W. Wilde and Rev. Brown conducted the first hour of devotion. Rev. Wiest welcomed the convention and Rev. Smith gave a short talk on the subject, "The Real Purpose of the Sunday School. The convention quartette composed of the Misses Brown, Dickinson, Swires and Westbrook rendered a most beautiful selection. Prof. Light gave a most interesting address on, "The Teacher's Responsibility" and Miss Abbie Westbrook read a carefully prepared paper on, "The Scholar's Responsibility."

Rev. Wiest introduced the subject of "The Teacher's Highest Aim for His Class." On Tuesday evening the state secretary J. H. Engle occupied the session with an entertaining and instructive address. The male chorus rendered a number of selections. Rev. Bowen of Ellis conducted devotional exercises Wednesday morning and many interesting discussions took place. The paper of Mr. Frankenberger was very appropriate and the discussion of the topic of "Home Department." E. R. Cole, the delegate to the state convention, gave a report of his trip. Wednesday afternoon after devotions by Rev. Goodman the various schools of the county were reported. Mrs. Warren read a paper on, "The Use of the Bible in the Home" followed by Mrs. Pestana on "The Use of the Bible in the School." At the business session A. W. Wilde was elected president; Rev. Wiest, secretary; E. R. Cole, vice president; Mrs. Wiest, asst. sec'y. Rev. Childress conducted a devotional hour in the afternoon and the Misses Westbrook and Dickinson sang a duet. The evening session was occupied with an address by Judge Ruppenthal and music by the male chorus.

George Bannister Dead.

We are sorry to record the death on Tuesday night, June 2, of George Bannister, Sr., at the home of his daughter Mrs. Isaac Zeigler. He was 73 years old, came here from Ohio in Aug. 1874 and is well known to everybody in our community. He leaves five children, his wife having died here in March 1898. The funeral was held at St. Joseph's church Friday morning and was largely attended. He was buried in our cemetery beside his wife. Several of the children came home to attend the funeral and they and those here have the sympathy of their many friends.

Stubbs Speaks Here Friday.

W. R. Stubbs, republican candidate for governor, will speak in the G. A. R. Hall next Friday at 2 p. m. Everyone should come out and hear Mr. Stubbs speak as he is one of the most prominent members of the Kansas legislature. No admission will be charged.

Notice!

Notices is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the city clerk of Hays City, Kansas, until noon of June 10, 1908 for the furnishing of all materials, erection and construction of cement crossings in said city, at places to be designated by the street commissioner of said city. Plans and specifications for same will be found on file with the city clerk of said city.

A proper bond will be required of contractor, and the mayor and council reserve the right to reject any and all bids. C. A. HARKNESS, 29-2t City Clerk.

Ellis County Will Have a Good Crop.

The rains have made it certain of an immense wheat crop in Ellis county this year and our farmers will need several hundred good harvest hands, but wheat will not be ripe until July 1 and the hands should not come here before that time and be at the expense of boarding or camping out. Good hands will get \$2.50 a day and man with team \$3.50 and board.

Institute Notes.

The institute is the largest, most wide-awake, finest, and—yes, it has been said, the best looking in years. Why some of the girls went down the street recently and frightened a horse.

Miss Basgall, Miss Horton and Geo. Johnson visited us Wednesday.

Enrollment has reached seventy-nine. Mr. Jantzen's ardor for institute work seems to have been easily cooled. It lasted only through the first week.

Work was suspended Monday at 10:10 and the institute went in a body to the commencement exercises of the W. K. S. N.

Three of our members have withdrawn.

Steve was kept in a state of physical and mental excitement last week until he learned that "O joy!" was just a by-word among the girls.

If Mr. Christiansen should apply for a position as bell-boy he could not even get the cord.

Although Mr. Light is the instructor in Theory and Practice he has had one time-honored theory overturned since the beginning of Normal. He has discovered that the placing of girls on the front seats does not necessarily keep them quiet.

Georgia Ross of Ellis is one of the late members.

The wise girls have learned that the physiology class is the best for first hour work.

Mr. Grabbe was an institute visitor Tuesday. Mrs. Light and Peter Johnson were visitors Monday.

The candidates for county superintendent are cordially invited to attend.

Supt. Grabbe has imported a great deal of "common sense" but will have to send for another supply as it is very much in demand.

Wednesday morning Mr. Ford appointed Miss Humphries, Mr. Valentine Weigle and Miss Ramsey as the reportorial staff of the institute.

Thirty copies of "current events" were distributed Wednesday morning and a news report will be a feature of the general exercises Friday.

The masculine portion of the institute will be seriously handicapped if the socials are instituted. A suggestion for a motto, if one is needed, would be "16 to 1."

Taxes Are Due.

The second installment of taxes are due and must be paid by June 20 or the penalty will be added.

Dolly Varden Chocolates at HARKNESS. .10, .35 and .65. 28-tf

The city water is being extended into the Yost elevator for fire protection.

Millard Kirkman is delivering lots of sand now-a-days for building purposes.

Alfalfa fields are being cut for the first crop this week and the yield is very large.

Miss Olive Westbrook, W. K. S. N. '08, is learning typography in the Free Press office.

Mrs. Jordan accompanied Miss Mary Ryan to her home in Jackson county Wednesday evening.

Get good seats for the Messick Eros musical entertainment next Thursday. The program will be fine.

The brick sidewalk is now being laid by the railroad company on their track approaches on Fort street.

Rev. Childress, Rev. Chambers and Mrs. S. J. Holman were attending the convention here Wednesday.

Lawrence Cole left Thursday evening for a summer's visit with his sister Alice at Silverton, Colorado.

Rev. Bowen, Mrs. Wm. Martin and Ruth Rippey of Ellis drove down Wednesday for the Sunday School Convention.

Flowers are now in bloom beautifully all over our city. Mrs. W. W. Paul has a lovely display of roses in her garden.

Chris Wise has bought the two lots formerly owned by Jas. Carter, adjoining McKee's residence, and intends building this fall.

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THE HAYS TAILOR.

LOCAL NEWS.

Miss Neva Bell visited in Ellis from Friday until Sunday.

Out at Al Ross's home in Buckeye they report a big baby boy.

George Bear went to Collyer Tuesday night to visit with his sister, returning Friday.

The flag was floated Decoration day on the top of the new Catholic school building.

Tony Jacobs and Chris Wise have another job as stone masons in the Keagy house at Ellis.

Tuesday morning the Normal students held their first chapel exercises in their new auditorium room.

The heavy wind Sunday night moved from its foundation the big barn of M. R. Moore in Lookout township.

Anas McGuire and family, who have been visiting here, returned to their home at Kanopolis on Wednesday.

Prin. W. S. Picken of the Normal School left Monday night for Emporia to attend a meeting of the board of regents.

Another Englishman has settled in Ellis county. John Mulvey of Ellis had his nephew from London to help him in his furniture store.

For several years Mrs. Jennie Martin of Ellis has been trying for a pension and it has come at last, getting her back pay and \$12 a month hereafter.

Assessor R. C. Hall of Ellis and Assessor Philip Jacobs of Hays City turned in their books last week ready for the Equalization board which meets this week.

Louis Johnson has bought out his brother Will's interest in the meat market and hereafter will be sole proprietor. Max Switzer of Ellis is assisting him.

Fred Rea, brother of Attorney E. A. Rea, began work Monday morning in the electric light plant. He is an electrical engineering student at Kansas University and will return to complete his studies in the fall.

Miss Mildred Pestana left Wednesday morning for Topeka where she will spend a month visiting friends. She stopped off at Russell and attended the Laing-Hill wedding Wednesday evening.

A stroke of lightning Sunday night after midnight set fire to the residence of Paul Pfannestiel in the northeast part of town, entirely destroying the house and all its contents. Fortunately he carried some insurance.

The Annual Catalogue of the State University is out and contains about 200 pages. It shows that Ellis county had 12 students there part of the year. Their total enrollment reached 2063. Their summer term begins June 11 and fall term September 16.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Downing left Tuesday night on a month's vacation. Mr. Downing went to Excelsior Springs where he will attend his old friend Jos. Clark and Mrs. Downing will visit in Kansas City until Mr. Downing's return, when they will both go to Sioux City for a few weeks' visit.

Charles A. Miller, Jr. of Hays carried off many honors this week at the commencement of the St. John's Military Academy at Salina, viz: General Military Efficiency Medal, Capt. Miller; Prize to winning team at wall scaling and a diploma from Bishop Griswold, D. D. Springer's Orchestra furnished music the exercises.

J. P. Roth visited friends in Victoria and Herzog last Sunday.

Jacob Orth and family spent last Sunday with her folks at Gorham.

Go to SPRATT'S Book Store for the celebrated floor and carpet cleaner. 30-tf

Mr. McVey and family left Tuesday for their farm home in Graham county.

A brother of Henry Schechter from Minnesota is here on a visit to his relatives.

Another very heavy rain, about one and one-half inches, fell here during Monday night.

Brownlow Hopper will leave June 9 for Cascades, Colo., where he will attend the national convention of the Y. M. C. A.

I. M. Yost received a car of three large automobiles Tuesday. One of them is a very handsome tourist car for C. A. Isaacson.

Mr. Steinlie of Dorrance came up from Dorrance Monday, bringing with him his daughter who will attend the summer term of Normal.

Regents Altswager, Kellogg and Harry Grass attended the commencement exercises this week at the Western State Normal School.

The rain last Sunday proved a cloud-burst in Buckeye, raising the North Fork out of its banks. In parts of the county heavy hail destroyed some wheat fields.

Among the Hays guests on Decoration Day was Will Robinson of Lawrence who brought a trunk full of handsome flowers to scatter over his lot in our cemetery.

Mrs. A. S. Hall, mother of Mrs. S. Motz of this city, left Tuesday night for Jasper, Mo. where she will visit a short time before returning to her home in Toledo, Ohio.

On Decoration day evening John J. Desantas of Quinter, (brother-in-law of George Spencer) was married to Lola Bayer, now of Hays, Probate Judge Gross officiating.

T. M. Carney of the Union Pacific Ry. and Frank Etter of the Milwaukee railroad were here Tuesday night looking after the excursion to the Chicago and Denver Conventions.

The hail of last Sunday afternoon badly damaged the crops of Bellman, Lefe Stout, Early, Royer, Ed Blender, Robert Morris, Goetz and several others in west Buckeye.

Louis Hiss was called to Great Bend Thursday morning by the death of his brother Herman. He was twenty-one years old and died of consumption. Mrs. Hiss is also in Great Bend.

Work on the new Yost Elevator progresses, the foundation is in and the heavy base timbers are in position. Many stand around inspecting the work and are glad to see the improvement.

Word comes that Justus Bissing and wife have finished their visit in sunny Italy and Rome and are now visiting relatives in Russia and having a good time and will likely be home in July.

Will J. Drum, the state agent and adjutor of the German-American Insurance company was here Monday and adjusted, through Shutts & Miller, the fire loss of Thomas O'Laughlin, paying the loss in full.

Only a couple weeks more and the nominations for the official ballot will be closed. If you want a township office you must get a petition of the County Clerk and have it signed. Otherwise it is a "free for all" on Primary day, and one or two votes may give you an undesirable Trustee, or maybe Road-Overseer.

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C. A. Harkness